

**Town of Peru
Municipal Office
Select Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2023**

PRESENT: Jess Carrier, Jason Dolloff, Katie Lawrence, Arthur Clifford, Gail Belyea, Brad Hutchings, Tina Courtway, William Hussey

ABSENT: Patrick Houghton (medical)

1. Minutes:

a. Minutes of the December 19, 2022, Selectboard Meeting:

- ***Arthur made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 19, 2022, Select Board Meeting. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor (Katie not yet present).***

2. Town Officials/Appointed Committee Members/Board Reports:

a. Road Commissioner, Brad Hutchings

- There was a lot of damage through town from the last rainstorm, with many washouts.
- General discussion was had regarding truck #10 and the minimal damage sustained on December 17, 2022; no insurance claim necessary.
- Brad has completed his letter for the town report.
- Regarding Mr. Bordeau's complaint of snow being pushed onto his lawn, Brad states it looks as though it may have been the state trucks, that it was not the town crew and that the town crew uses bucket-loader to remove snow in that area and dump it across the street.

b. Tina Courtway, Rec Committee

- Nobody signed up for pageant before deadline, will be rescheduled for springtime.
- General discussion regarding Winterfest, with plan to move forward with Winterfest on Saturday February 11.
- There is a meeting scheduled for January 18, 2023, at 6:30 pm at Peru Central Fire Station regarding a possible youth football program. General discussion of the same ensued.

3. Action Items:

a. Homestead Exemption – Aaron Patenaude:

- ***Katie made a motion to approve the homestead application for Aaron Patenaude. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.***

b. Homestead Exemption – Jeffrey S. Glover:

- ***Arthur made a motion to approve the homestead application for Jeffrey S. Glover. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.***

4. Incoming Correspondence:

- a. Med-Care Citizens EMS Academy will be held January 28, 2023, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, with snow date of January 29, 2023. RSVP requested by January 23, 2023.

- b. Discussion was had regarding town clerk's memo regarding Med-Care and NORSWB fee increases and budget shortfall. Board would like clarification regarding ARPA funds given to Med-Care and their increase per capita; Paul Landry from Med-Care will be invited to attend a Selectboard meeting before budget time.

5. Select Board Business:

a. New Business:

- General discussion was had regarding meetings for 2023-2024 budget:
 - ***Gail made a motion for initial budget meeting to be held February 13, 2023, after the Selectboard meeting. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.***
- General discussion was had regarding updating the Spirit of America plaque to include recent recipients, as well as updating the Boston Cane Award plaque.
- Katie shared with Board members that Andy St. Pierre will attend the January 23, 2023, Selectboard meeting to discuss setting a date for Selectboard/Planning Board workshop.
- General discussion was had regarding the recently-approved permit for Darren Dixon:
 - ***Jason made a motion for Katie to contact the Planning Board directly regarding discrepancies between Darren Dixon's initial permit and the one most recently approved. Arthur seconded the motion. All in favor.***

b. Old Business:

- General discussion was had regarding Wayne Smith's efforts with the Worthley Pond Spring, with the consensus of the Board being to send a letter of appreciation to Wayne.

6. Warrants

a. Warrant #13, 12/26/2022

- Payroll Warrant #13 in the amount of \$14,694.07:
 - ***Arthur made a motion to accept Payroll Warrant #13 in the amount of \$14,694.07. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.***
- Account Payable Warrant #13 in the amount of \$15,908.95:
 - ***Arthur made a motion to accept Payroll Warrant #13 in the amount of \$15,908.95. Katie seconded the motion. All in favor.***

b. Warrant #14, 01/09/2023

- Payroll Warrant #14 in the amount of \$11,708.89:
 - ***Arthur made a motion to accept Payroll Warrant #14 in the amount of \$11,708.89. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.***
- Account Payable Warrant #14 in the amount of \$251,267.21:
 - ***Arthur made a motion to accept Payroll Warrant #14 in the amount of \$251,267.21. Jason seconded the motion. All in favor.***

7. Public Participation: No public present for participation.

8. Adjournment

- a. ***Arthur made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Gail seconded the motion. All in favor.***

